

CLVT- 188E

c. 1869

James Harrod House, ruin
Island Creek vicinity
Private

This house began as a small, ^{two} room log house that was built soon after emancipation by an ex-slave family, the Harrods, Harrod himself having recently returned from service in the Union Army. The house was built in the style similar to the houses that slaves had known. Over the years, the house was enlarged with frame additions, using the newer methods of framing as well as commercially made materials. The result is a house that reflects the changes in housing brought about by land ownership and a cash income, as opposed to those enabled by sharecropping.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CT-188E

CLVT-18PE
MAGI # 0501885504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC James Harrod House, ruin

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Ben's Creek Rd., c. 0.25 mile south of its jct. with Williams' Wharf Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Island Creek x VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER **Abandoned**

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Celia Harrod (deceased) (c/o Blanche Wilson) Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Ben's Creek Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Island Creek

x VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: AAH 10

Folio #: 201

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story house faces east, towards Ben's Creek Rd. The fields and gardens that once surrounded the house are no longer cultivated, and have become meadow land. The house is abandoned, has been thoroughly vandalized, and is increasingly deteriorating. The house consists of three sections: a front block; a log block along the rear length; and a frame addition to the south side of the log section. The log block was the original house, built by the ancestors of Miss Blanche Wilson soon after emancipation. The evolution of this house, the history of its occupants, and the significance of this house in regard to other houses of black families are presented in the attached pages, which are taken from the essay I wrote summarizing the results of this survey of 19th century farm houses of black families in southern Maryland and which I have submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

1910

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1869; 1880's; c. 1910 WILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Md. Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

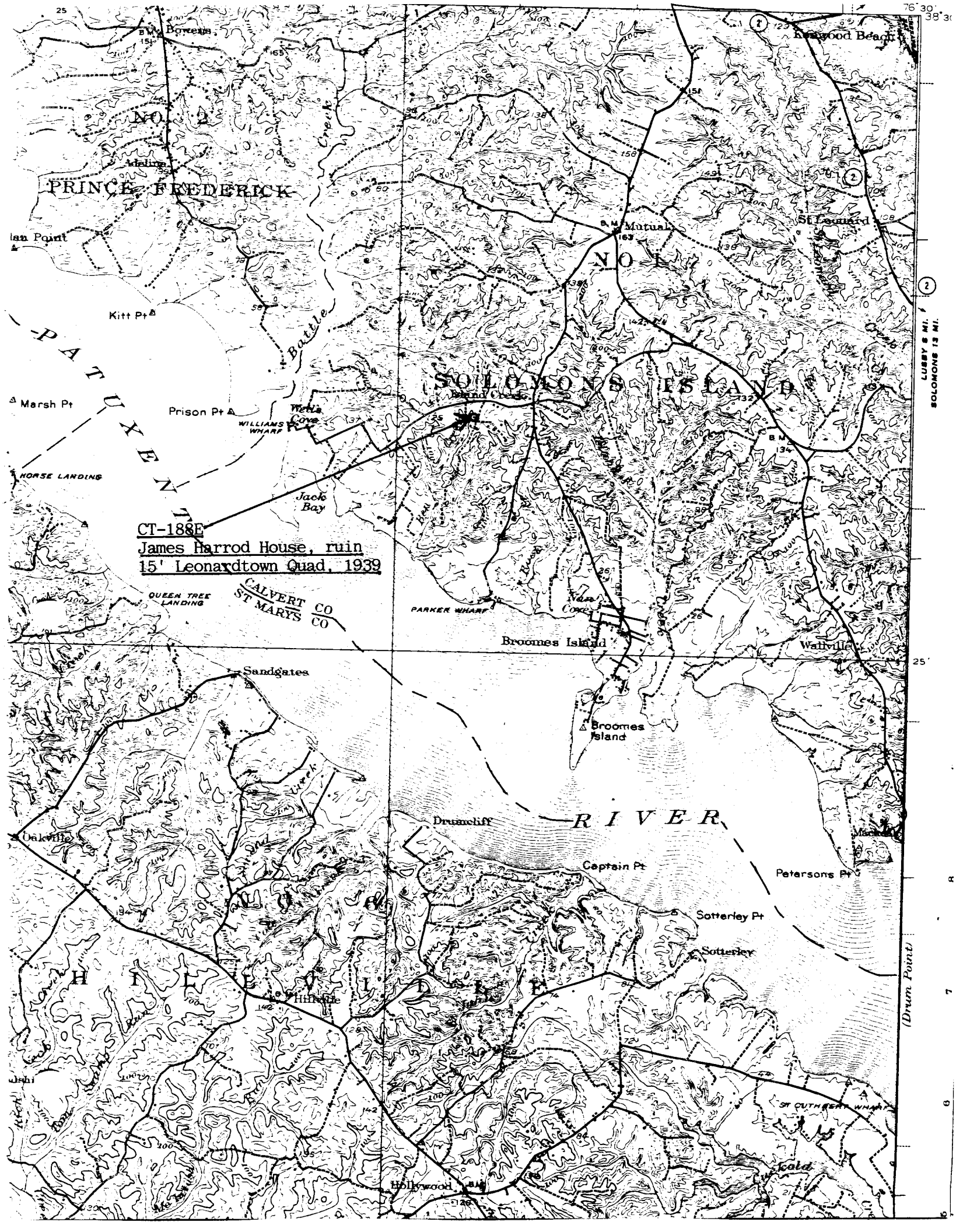
STATE

Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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SOLOMON ISLANDS

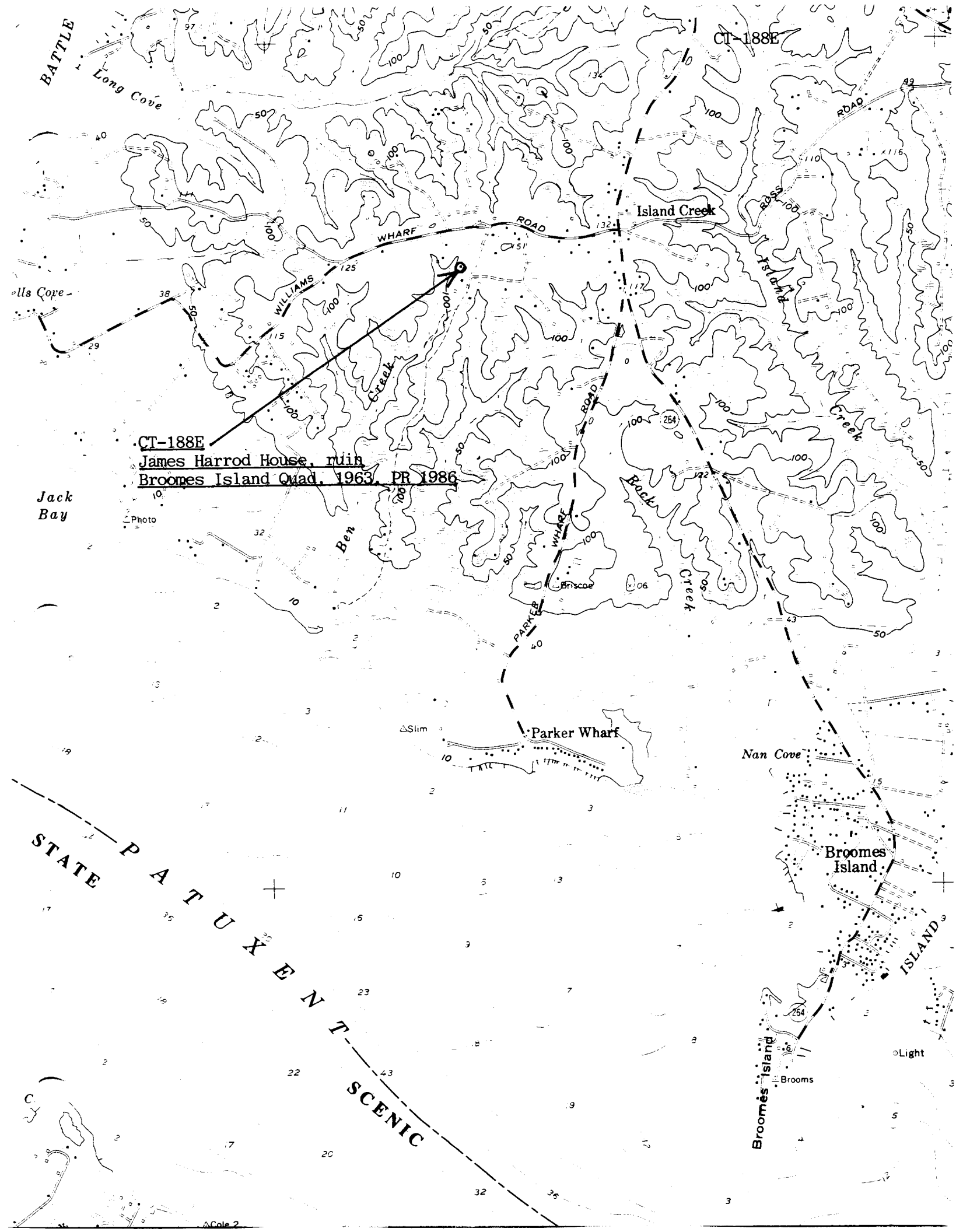
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James Harrod House, ruin
15' Leonardtown Quad, 1939

CALVERT CO
ST MARYS CO

RIVER

SOLOMONS 12 MI.

(Drum Point)



BATTLE
Long Cove

CT-188E

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James Harrod House, ruin
Broome's Island Quad. 1963, PR 1986

Jack Bay

Photo

Ben Creek

Island Creek

Parker Wharf

Nan Cove

Broome's Island

Broome's Island

Brooms

Light

STATE PATUXENT SCENIC



Harold House

CT-100E

S.E. View

Island Creek,
Md.

4/77

Gunn



Hand 1 Mine

CT - 100E

E. View

Island Creek

4/4/7

Ind.

Q. (100)



Stone Chimney
of Log Block
Harrod House
CT - IPPE
Island Creek,
Md.

GUM
4/77



Harold H. C.
T-1072

N. New

Ishod Creek
mi'

Q. C. M.

4/77



Chas. Golden Basket
CT-1PPE

(Brother of Celia
G. Harrod)

Island Creek
md.

GUMM

3/77

No Negative



Harrod House
CT-18PE

Chas. Golder
Basket

(~~Uncle~~ of Ceelia
Brother

Golder Harrod

Island Creek, Md.

to Wm

3/77

No negative



Celia Golder
CT- IPPE

(wife of James
Harrod)

Island Creek md.

Gunn

3/77

No Negative